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Sent: 8/21/2019 5:28:38 PM
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Subject: FW: EPA request- Urgent

Elizabeth/all: As you can see, Michael Bogert wasn't happy about the way he was uninvited by the USFS to the tour we have arranged at Stibnite tomorrow. I responded, and no further response is needed.

Jim

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From: Werntz, James
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 11:23 AM
To: 'L. Michael Bogert' <mbogert@midasgoldinc.com>
Cc: Hood, Lynne <Hood.Lynne@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA request- Urgent

Michael: This is unfortunate. I was not aware of this, but I learned this morning that our team didn't know about your intention to join the trip until yesterday. I agree that it would have been appropriate for us to call you as a courtesy, instead of you receiving a notification via USFS email.

Next time, let's aim for more advance notice of your plans to attend meetings/tours, so we're able to have our attorney participate too. Thank you. Jim

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Subject: FW: EPA request- Urgent
Importance: High

Jim: FYI below and no action necessary on your part. I am absolutely certain you were not in the loop.

A courtesy heads up to me from someone at R 10 would have taken care of this very reasonable and appropriate request. Instead, a drama-laden ultimatum delivered through the Forest Service? Sheesh.

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Hi Alan,

I tried to call both your office and cell phone, and did not get through. When we spoke yesterday late in the afternoon you mentioned your general counsel would be attending our meeting. If Mr. Bogert attends the field trip, EPA will cancel their participation trip.

I would like to request that Mr. Bogert not attend the field trip on August 22nd, because the EPA will not attend without their counsel present. We think it would be detrimental to have them cancel the field trip.

We believe it is a reasonable request. Please let me know, I will try to follow up with a call again. They need to know right away as they will need to confirm their travel plans.

Thank you for a timely response.



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